

What Is Claimed Is:

1. An apparatus for diverting static electricity away from a treadmill having a platform with a threaded hole and a base frame, a plurality of cushioning elements being installed between the platform and the base frame for cushioning impacts, a  
5 continuous belt being mounted around the platform, the cushioning elements and a front and rear roller such that a walking area is formed, the apparatus comprising:
  - a) a conducting piece mounted on the surface of the platform, the conducting piece having a through hole in the middle thereof;
  - b) a conductive strip positioned above the conducting piece, the ends of the  
10 conductive strip each having a through hole; and
  - c) a connection bolt passing through the through holes the conductive strip and the conducting piece and screwed to the threaded hole of the platform;whereby a diverting apparatus, consisting of the conducting piece, the conductive strip and the connection bolt, is mounted on the surface of the platform without  
15 influencing the smooth rotation of the continuous belt for carrying off the static electricity produced by friction within the walking area by providing a direct grounding path through the connection of the other end of the conductive strip to the ground.
2. The apparatus for diverting static electricity away from a treadmill of claim 1  
20 further comprising another conductive strip and a nut on the bottom surface of the platform for diverting static electricity away from a treadmill to a greater extent.
3. The apparatus for diverting static electricity away from a treadmill of claim 1 or 2 wherein the conducting piece of the diverting apparatus has the same length as

the length of the diagonal of the platform, and wherein the conducting piece is embedded or glued to the top and bottom surface of the platform such that a more efficient effect in diverting static electricity away from a treadmill is achieved.